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VIA FACSIMILE & REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Brad Bradley
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Region 5
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Re: N.L. Industries/Taracorp Cleanup
Tri-City Area United Way
1821 Edison Avenue, Granite City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bradley:

Per our discussion, enclosed please find the results of soil sampling performed by Goodwin & Broms, Inc. ("GBI") at the above-referenced property. As we discussed, this sampling was performed in anticipation of the consolidation of area United Way entities. The initial sampling performed on June 16, 1999, revealed very high lead concentrations in the northeast corner of the property (see results for sample # 2), and adjacent to the northwest corner of the building (see results for sample # 4). The results for samples #2 and #4 indicate that high concentrations of lead extend to a depth of 18 inches. The June, 1999 sampling also revealed that elevated levels of lead are not present in the front portion of the property. This is consistent with the recent sampling performed by Entact at the subject property.

A second round of sampling was performed by GBI on July 23, 1999. The results of this sampling were consistent with the June, 1999 sampling in that high concentrations of lead were found along the west side and across the northern boundary of the property. As with the June, 1999 sampling, high levels of lead contamination were found at depths of 18 inches. Elevated levels were not found at a depth of 36 inches.

Tom Beeching of GBI performed the above-described sampling, and he advised me that he observed "slag-like" fill materials in the back portion of the property. No boring logs are available because the sampling was conducted with a GeoProbe sampling device.

Based on the above, it appears material was used as fill in portions of the back lot at the subject property. Our client understandably wants to ensure that the soil excavation to be performed

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removes impacted soil and fill-related contamination. We believe that this may require soil excavation below 12 inches on a small portion of the back lot of the subject property. However, based upon the results, there should be no need to excavate at any location any deeper than 36 inches. It is my understanding that the determination of excavation depth will be made by EPA and Entact during the site activities. It is our hope that the enclosed sampling results will be of assistance to EPA in this determination.

Please advise us of the schedule for excavation activities at the subject property. Also, please feel free to contact me with this information at the telephone number listed below. We greatly appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the above or the enclosed documents, please do not hesitate to contact me at (314) 552-6283.

Very truly yours,

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